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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>  <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>	Attorney Docket No.	GEM 611
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	Title	A METHOD AND MEANS FOR
	Express Mail Label No.	ER 265260495 US

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 of prior application No.: 09/172,942

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